

Senate Resolution 146 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY MULDER
1 3 A Resolution to honor the athletic career of Vern
1 4 Wayne Den Herder.
1 5 WHEREAS, today Vern Wayne Den Herder is a
1 6 hard-working Iowa farmer, but from the 1960s to the
1 7 1980s was one of Iowa's top athletic talents who was
1 8 named to both the Iowa High School Basketball Hall of
1 9 Fame and College Football Hall of Fame; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Den Herder was a star player in football,
1 11 basketball, baseball, and track at Sioux Center High
1 12 School, setting many records, some which still stand,
1 13 and was a first-team all-state selection in basketball
1 14 by the Des Moines Register when the school won the
1 15 1967 State Basketball Championship; and
1 16 WHEREAS, from 1967 through 1971 Den Herder attended
1 17 Central College on a basketball scholarship, playing
1 18 both football and basketball, and still holds the
1 19 school record for most rebounds; and
1 20 WHEREAS, Den Herder's football honors at Central
1 21 College include All-Iowa Conference honors in 1968,
1 22 1969, and 1970, team captain and the Iowa Conference's
1 23 most valuable player, and also being named an
1 24 All-American college division player by the NAIA, the
1 25 Football Coaches Association, and the Associated Press
1 26 in 1970; and
1 27 WHEREAS, in 1971 Den Herder was drafted by the
1 28 Miami Dolphins football team, his professional home
1 29 for 12 years, where he started 153 games as a player;
1 30 and
2 1 WHEREAS, in 1972 Den Herder led the National
2 2 Football League (NFL) with 10.5 sacks as the Dolphins
2 3 went on to a 17=0 season and a Super Bowl VII victory,
2 4 the only team in the history of the NFL to go
2 5 undefeated throughout the season, the playoffs, and
2 6 then win the Super Bowl; and
2 7 WHEREAS, in his 12-year career Den Herder won an
2 8 American Football Conference (AFC) championship ring
2 9 in his rookie season, 1971, a National Football League
2 10 championship ring in his rookie season, 1971, NFL
2 11 championship rings from the 1973 and 1974 Super Bowls,
2 12 and an AFC championship ring in 1982, his final
2 13 season; NOW THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 15 honors Vern Wayne Den Herder and his remarkable
2 16 athletic career that spanned parts of three decades
2 17 and two different sports.
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